

Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Meeting Minutes

M. T. Sorrell

July 17, 2007

5:30 PM

Members in attendance:

Jeanne White, Betty Brown, Mary Lou Dunn, Kelly Matthews

Members Absent:

Mamie Wyatt, Greg Green, Janet Weeks

Affiliated Programs in attendance:

LeAnn Hardy-M.T. Sorrell Group Home; Chris Wright-Hatcher Center/MT Sorrell; Betty Wilson-R.C. Right Group Home and C&K Group Homes; Tracy Reid and Annie Dickerson-Johnny's Heroes; Gerald and Darlene Doss-Doss Estates, Inc.

Affiliated Programs absent:

Justin Berkley, Madeline Center at Home;

Others in attendance:

Stanley Cousins, Human Rights Advocate Senior-SVMHI

Jennifer Taylor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee voted unanimously to accept the April 17, 2007 minutes as written.

Recruitment Needs

The Committee continues to need to recruit a consumer member. Members and affiliated programs will continue to recruit for a consumer member.

Clerical support to Committee

Darlene Doss of Doss Estates, Inc. took minutes of this meeting.

FOIA Training

Stanley Cousins provided the Committee with its yearly FOIA training. Mr. Cousins passed out copies and reviewed with all present the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Regional Report

Stanley Cousins distributed Human Writes – Spring 2007 Newsletter. He reported that the new Human Rights Regulations are with Governor Kaine and awaiting his signature. The timeframe for his signature and release of the regulations is unknown. He also emphasized the importance of 2 or 3 members attending the Human Rights Training Seminar in September. He informed the group that he would be the representative in attendance at most of the meetings in the future. Sherry Miles would attend one meeting annually.

Organizational Report

Doss Estates, Inc. – The provider reported having 3 residents and no complaints. The Consumer Directed Services Facilitation is growing with 48 consumers. Individuals adopted a school class for Easter. They made and delivered baskets to the students. Other summer activities were reported

M.T. Sorrell - Chris Wright –reported having at this point again 2 vacancies. Two new projects have been introduced and begun. At this point, no complaints reported.

Johnny's Heroes – Tracy Reid, Acting Program Director reported all 5 residents have had home visits this summer. Three residents are working. The program has received a call for an additional resident. They have been attending social events and are training with social skills. They have been swimming, bowling, and are planning a trip to Myrtle Beach. The program was visited today by Sherry Miles and Deborah Tankersley for a review.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next schedule meeting, the last scheduled meeting for 2007, will be held October 16, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at M.T. Sorrell, Blairs, VA.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pizza and dessert were served.